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The Honorable Barbara A. Madsen Chief Justice, Washington State Supreme Court 415 12th Ave SW PO Box 40929 Olympia, WA 98504-0929

Dear Chief Justice Madsen:

We are writing to express our support for passage of the proposed amendments to JISC Rule 13. The members of the Steering Committee for the Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System urge you to consider the importance of the proposed amendments to the availability of judicial information statewide.

It is crucial to public safety for all Washington courts and our justice partners to continue to have access to statewide judicial information. Every day our court depends on access to information from other courts. A number of larger courts with greater resources have purchased, or are planning to purchase, their own case management systems. As those courts move to their own systems, we lose critical information that judges and court staff need to do their jobs every day.

The JIS Data Standards for Alternative Court Record Systems, recently passed by the JISC, are designed to ensure that the statewide system will continue to have minimum necessary data from courts with independent systems. However, without an enforcement mechanism, there is nothing that gives courts with independent systems the incentive to comply with the data standards. That is why the proposed amendments to JISC Rule 13 are so important. Again, I urge you to pass the proposed amendments to protect the integrity of the information we depend on for the administration of justice.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Lynne Campeau, Chair

Courts of Limited Jurisdiction Case Management System Project Steering Committee Administrator, Issaquah Municipal Court

On behalf of:

Judge Glenn Phillips, Kent Municipal Court
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